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**MEMORANDUM**

June 8, 2004

TO: ARD-Fisheries Attn: Rich Johnson, Field Supervisor

FROM: Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: May Activity Report

**PRODUCTION**

Steelhead Brood Year 2004

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb)	Length (inches)
105	Pahsimeroi	198,104	88	2,251	1.063
106	Sawtooth	71,944	32	2,249	1.063
107	Clearwater B				

Distribution of the BY2003 summer steelhead was completed May 13, 2004. Releases totaled; 219,095 Pahsimeroi smolts, 196,567 Clearwater-B smolts, and 908,601 Sawtooth smolts. The Pahsimeroi, Clearwater-B, and Sawtooth smolts averaged 4.24, 4.44, and 4.40 fish per pound respectively. Fish hauling went very well this year and finished one day ahead of schedule.

A total of 204,822 Pahsimeroi, 87,192 Clearwater-B, and 573,936 Sawtooth, BY2004 summer steelhead eyed eggs were received during the month. All of the Pahsimeroi fry and the first lot of Sawtooth fry were started on feed May 28, 2004. Additional Sawtooth and Clearwater-B eggs are scheduled for receipt in June. Production targets for BY2004 remain the same as last year.

There were no fish health inspections on SST in May.

### Rainbow Trout (Dworshak Reservoir Mitigation)

<b>Lot Number</b>	<b>Stock</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Fish Weight</b>	<b>Size (#/lb)</b>	<b>Length (inches)</b>
<b>103</b>	<b>Hayspur Triploid Rainbows</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>104</b>	<b>Hayspur Triploid Rainbows</b>	<b>53,225</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>4.95</b>

Distribution was completed for Spring Fingerlings on May 19. A total of 114,681 fish at 13.8 fish per pound from Lot 103 and 27,519 fish at 38.7 fish per pound from Lot 104 were stocked in three locations in the Snake River above American Falls Reservoir. The remainder of Lot 104 will be grown to catchable size and stocked in mid October in a location yet to be determined. Fish health remains good and they are growing according to projection.

Kathy Clemens, Idaho Fish Health Center was here May 4 to conduct pre-liberation health inspections on RBT, results pending.

### **OPERATIONS**

Rich Johnson, Fisheries Line Supervisor, visited the Hatchery May 3, 4 & 5 to discuss the Hatchery's Work Activity Guidance for FY 2004 and to participate in a fish distribution trip to the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery. Hagerman NFH smolts released at the Sawtooth FH provide the adults for the Sawtooth FH broodstock program.

Bryan Kenworthy traveled to the Regional Office the week of May 17 to participate in the Hatchery Manager Workgroup committee.

The Hatchery employed the services of Safety Kleen, Inc to dispose of an old barrel of formalin.

Jeremy Flemming, USFWS Environmental Engineer, conducted an environmental compliance audit of the station on June 4.

Hatchery Staff participated in the real property conference call held May 11 and on the fish tissue contaminants call on May 27.

Hatchery staff removed numerous tumble weeds from the east fence boundary. A representative of the Idaho Power Corporation called to complain that the tumble weeds were a fire hazard along their power pole right-of-way which lies in close proximity and parallel to the fence line.

Chris Starr, LSRCP, met with Hatchery staff on May 25 to review and discuss the station's capital outlay projects. During the meeting the Hatchery obtained a commitment by Tom Smiley, Region 1 Engineering, to enlist the services of a contractor to develop an estimate for demolition of the old Hatchery Building #1.

## **COORDINATION**

On Tuesday May 18, Kurt Schilling represented the Hatchery at the annual spring meeting of the South Central Idaho Dispatch Center Interagency Fire Center at the BLM Fire Center in Shoshone, ID.

Anna Ray and Tammy Froscher, LSRCP, represented the Hatchery and Region 1 Fish and Wildlife Service at the Governor's Business Conference in Idaho Falls. The conference is held annually to introduce vendors to government entities in Idaho.

## **PERSONNEL/ TRAINING/ SAFETY**

Steve Money and Brian Clifford attended Man Lift Safety Training conducted by Bill Sinclair of Sunbelt Rentals of Boise, ID. The training was held at the Hagerman State Fish Hatchery.

All staff participated in pre-team building exercise telephone interview with Binda Consultants. This program is being conducted to build upon the successful program conducted last year.

Interviews were conducted for the Fisheries Biologist 5/7/9 position which had been advertised earlier this spring.

On Saturday May 22, the Hagerman Rural Fire District led a multiagency wildland fire incident training event at the Hatchery. Participants included Hatchery staff, Lance Roberts, Fish and Wildlife Zone Fire Management Officer for Southern Idaho, the BLM South Central Idaho Fire Center, and several of the surrounding rural volunteer fire departments. Many of the approximately 60 individuals participating worked on the Oster Lakes fire which burned over 550 acres of State, Federal, and private lands in September 2001. All participating agreed the event was good training and also provided an opportunity for the Hagerman Rural Fire District to deploy their portable water tank and simulate structure fire protection at the Hatchery residences. Hatchery staff participated in the role of resource advisors and also operated the newly installed sprinkler system at the Hatchery housing area. Installed last fall, funds for the sprinkler system originated from the Service's FY 2003 Wildland /Urban Interface program.

## **OUTREACH**

New hatchery host volunteers, Glen and Erma Shoemaker, traveled all the way from Florida to work as volunteer Hatchery Hosts.

There were several scheduled hatchery tours conducted this month including the Governors' conference on Tourism and Recreation, Buhl Elementary, Burley Junior High, Canyon Side Jerome Kindergartners, Castleford Elementary, Hagerman Elementary, and Glenns Ferry Headstart. Scheduled tours included 422 people and involved all staff participation.

This year's activity with the Hagerman Elementary school marked the ten year anniversary between the Hatchery and fifth grade teacher Mr. Creed Robinson. The program entitled Hatchery Activities With Kids (HAWK) is well received by the students, parents, and teachers. Bryan Kenworthy presented Mr. Robinson a certificate of appreciation for the fine job he is doing conducting the program.

298 people signed the guest registry.

On May 4 Bryan Kenworthy attended a meeting hosted by Hagerman IDEAS, Inc. to continue brain storming on the shared visitor center concept at the Billingsly Creek State Park.

## **MAINTENANCE**

### **Vehicles and Equipment**

- New tires were installed on maintenance truck.
- A new tongue jack was installed on the sample count trailer.
- A new starter and wiring harness was installed in F-150.
- A Displacement gauge was installed on fish transfer tank.
- The Hatchery surplussed the Rockwood travel trailer (FEMA Trailer) to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- A new knife gate was installed on newer fish pump.
- Installed water pump and hoses on flatbed.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- Sprinklers were installed and tested on fire line sprinkler system.
- Chilled water storage tank was pressure washed for painting preparation.
- Capped 12 inch supply line to old Hatch 1.
- New back- up batteries were installed in building security system panels.
- A new resilient wedge valve was installed at fire truck fill spout.
- Visitor center fish display glass repaired.
- All furnace filters changed.
- Unused formalin picked up by Safety Kleen.